

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)
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North Carolina Gun Law: Altering Firearm Serial Number / Possession of a Firearm with Altered Serial Number (N.C.G.S. 14-160.2)

It is against the law for any person to alter, deface, destroy, or remove the permanent serial number, manufacturer's identification plate, or other permanent distinguishing number or identification mark from any firearm with the intent to conceal or misrepresent the identity of the firearm. It is unlawful for any person knowingly to sell, buy, or be in possession of any firearm on which the permanent serial number is altered, defaced, destroyed, or removed for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the identity of the firearm. This crime is a Class H felony and may be punishable by thirty-nine (39) months in prison.

Pocket-size cards detailing many North Carolina firearm statutes are available to the public by Project Safe Neighborhoods. Please call 560-4438 x29230 to request cards for your community or organization.

PSN Partner Spotlight: Project BUILD

Project BUILD is designed to serve as a catalyst for positive growth, development and change in the Durham community. The program enhances young lives by directly linking them to educational and employment resources, mentors, pro-social role modeling, and encouragement all in an effort to decrease negative activity and increase productivity. The staff works with youth between the ages of 14-21 who are gang members or potential gang members.

The project functions under the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. This model remains one of the few approaches to gangs that encompasses a multidisciplinary response to gangs on multiple levels. Prevention, intervention, and suppression have been shown to offer a reduction in serious gang-related crimes in gang affected communities.

For more information about Project BUILD, please contact Ms. Michelle Young at 919/560-0537.

ONE SIMPLE THING YOU CAN DO to Prevent Gun Crime in Durham: Do not make "straw purchases".

Do not purchase firearms for anyone other than yourself. While the act may seem harmless, or financially beneficial in the moment, doing so can cause an otherwise innocent person to face firearm charges.

Pointers for Parents: Warning Signs that Your Child May Be Involved with a Gang

- Admits to "hanging out" with kids in gangs
- Shows an unusual interest in one or two particular colors of clothing or a particular logo
- Has an unusual interest in gangster-influenced music, videos, movies, or websites
- Uses unusual hand signals to communicate with friends
- Has specific drawings or gang symbols on school books, clothes, walls, or tattoos
- Comes home with unexplained physical injuries (fighting related bruises, injuries to hands, knuckles)
- Has unexplained cash or goods (like clothing, jewelry)
- Carries a weapon
- Has been in trouble with the police
- Exhibits negative changes in behavior such as:
 - Withdrawing from family
 - Declining school performance, behavior, attendance

- Staying out late at night without reason
- Displaying an unusual desire for secrecy
- Exhibiting signs of drug use
- Breaking rules consistently
- Speaking in gang-style slang

PSN in Your Neighborhood

June 3: Hyde Park Street at Morning Glory Avenue

June 9: DHA Club Blvd. Community

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June 11: DHA Laurel Oaks Community

June 18: DHA Hoover Road Community